

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1128 – HB 1372

April 22, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits the use of unmanned traffic enforcement cameras by local governments to enforce or monitor traffic violations; Defines unmanned traffic enforcement camera and traffic violation for the purpose of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$978,000

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006921, 006923): Amendment 006921 deletes and rewrites the bill in its entirety. Prohibits the use of speed enforcement through the use of unmanned traffic cameras. Exempts school zones when a warning flasher is active and areas on an S-curve of any public road or highway.

Amendment 006923 adds language to the amended bill such that it prohibits the use of unmanned speed cameras for the issuance of citations on public roads within one mile of a reduction of speed limit of ten mph or more. Exempts school zones when flashers are active. Applies the provisions of this amendment to Franklin, Marion, and Moore counties.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Decrease Local Revenue - Exceeds \$470,000

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This bill is only relevant to local government; any fiscal impact to the state is considered not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Transportation as well as the Tennessee Association of Police Chiefs, a traffic study assessment would not be necessary in order to implement the provisions of the bill.
- Based on information obtained from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, it can be reasonably determined that prohibiting the use of speed cameras would decrease local government revenue by an amount exceeding \$470,000.
- By exempting three counties from the restrictions placed on unmanned traffic enforcement cameras by the bill, the decrease in total local revenue may be slightly less than it would be otherwise.

- Data currently available on violations and fines resulting from unmanned traffic enforcement cameras is not sufficiently complete or detailed to identify amounts for each county. Therefore, for any provisions including or exempting individual counties from changes in unmanned traffic camera enforcement authority, the specific effect on likely future violations and fines cannot be isolated.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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